



Utility News

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Tree Trimming in the City

The City of Gardner is currently soliciting qualified firms to bid for the 2007 Tree Trimming Program. The work includes tree limb removal and trimming along our primary electric distribution system. It is estimated that the 2007 Tree Trimming Program will cover approximately one-third of the City's electric service area. The work will focus in several different areas around the City generally bounded by Grand Street north to Madison and from Waverly Road east to Cedar Street. There will also be secondary work done in developing areas. The schedule for the work, once determined, will be posted on the City's

website: www.gardnerkansas.gov



Kill Creek Water Tower Update

The new Kill Creek Water Tower has been raising up from the ground just east of the new Pioneer Ridge Middle School in northwest Gardner. On December 18, 2006, the one million gallon water storage tank was hoisted 150 feet to the top of the pedestal. Work has now begun on the interior chamber piping and painting of the tank is scheduled for the first part of April 2007. This new tower will increase water storage capacity and improve water pressure for City residents.

Electric Division Keep Busy During Cold Months

- An extension into the Waverly Pointe subdivision has been installed. Waverly Pointe subdivision is located at 175th Street and Waverly Road, just south of Gardner Edgerton High School. New home construction is now underway.
- The Bull Creek Power Line Relocation Project was completed on January 3, 2007. This line was relocated to make way for the new Bull Creek Lift Station. The current Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant will be converted to a lift station by late 2007.



Photo: Current Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, constructed in the mid 1900s and is located just east of Westside Park. It is scheduled for demolition in 2007.



- The Electric Division has been working to add improvements to the automated control system for the City's substations that will allow the substation operator to remotely open and close feeder switches and receive "real time" reporting and alarming on the condition and status of the electric system. This will become a valuable tool in helping the electric division analyze and correct problems as well as systematically respond to storms and other unpredictable situations that create power outages. It is anticipated the new additions will be fully operational in mid February, prior to the stormy spring season.

Northside Lift Station Project Nearing Completion

The Northside Lift Station located north of 167th Street east of Center Street, and is being built to replace the current North lift station. The current lift station is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Colleen Drive and Center Street. The current station does not have the capacity needed to meet the future demand. The construction of the Northside Lift Station project began in May, 2006, and is scheduled to be completed in April of 2007. The construction is about 80% complete at this time. The lift station will serve over half of the City.

Ways to Control Your Electric Bill

1. **Air Infiltration/Insulation**—The most important single step in residential energy conservation is the installation of thermal insulation. Properly insulate a new or existing home according to the U.S. Department of Energy's specifications for your area.
 - Double glazing of windows cuts heat transfer by 40 to 50 percent.
 - Install storm doors at all entrances to the house. A storm door helps save energy because it reduces the mass of air infiltration that occurs when the prime door is opened and also reduces the amount of heat transfer through the prime door when it is closed.
 - Replace broken window glass, worn weather stripping and improperly fitting doors.
2. **Heating**—If you are buying a new heating system, consider an electric heat pump. Heat pumps with an HSPF (Heating Seasonal Performance Factor) of 10 are almost 3 times as efficient as the most efficient gas furnace.
 - Set the heating thermostat as low as comfort permits.
 - Lubricate pump and blower bearings regularly according to manufacturer's recommendations.
 - Make sure registers are not blocked by drapes or furniture.
 - In the heating season, water vapors emanating from bathing and cooking are beneficial because they help humidify the home. So use kitchen and bath exhaust fans sparingly.
3. **Water Heating**—One of the biggest energy users in your home, next to heating and cooling systems, is your hot water system. It's important to maintain the system.
 - You might also investigate a relatively inexpensive water heater insulation kit.
 - Encourage family members to take showers rather than tub baths. The average person will use about half as much hot water in a shower as in a bath.
 - Letting water run while shaving or when washing dishes by hand is a needless waste.
 - Repair leaky faucets promptly. A steady drip of hot water can waste many gallons per month and the energy needed to heat it.



It is the mission of the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to establish, preserve and manage public parks, greenways and recreation facilities and to offer a variety of leisure opportunities to benefit and enrich the quality of life for the people of the community.

Youth Baseball, Softball and T-Ball

<u>Program</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Boys T-Ball	Gardner	5-6	\$40
Girls T-Ball	Gardner	5-6	\$40
Girls Softball	Gardner/Spring Hill	7-8	\$50
Girls Softball	Gardner/Spring Hill	9-10	\$55
Girls Softball	Gardner/Spring Hill	11-12	\$60
Girls Softball	Tri-County	13-15	\$70
Boys Baseball	Gardner	7-8	\$50
Boys Baseball	Gardner	9-10	\$55
Boys Baseball	Big 4	11-12	\$60
Boys Baseball	Big 4	13-14	\$70
Boys Baseball	Big 4	15-16	\$70

(Note: The Big 4 League consists of Gardner, Spring Hill, Wellsville, Baldwin, DeSoto and Eudora)



Coaches must submit an Application Form by March 2nd.

Team requests can be made, but are not guaranteed!

The division that your child plays in is based on their age as of July 31, 2007 (Boys) and January 1, 2007 (Girls).

Registration Deadline: March 9th

Late Registration will be accepted to fill up teams only, and will be charged a \$15 late fee.

Parent's Name: _____ Phone/Home _____ Work _____

Players Name: _____ D/O/B: _____ Male / Female

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Circle Division: Boys T-Ball Girls T-Ball 7&8 Girls 9&10 Girls 11&12 Girls 13-15 Girls

7&8 Boys 9&10 Boys 11-12 Boys 13-14 Boys 15&16 Boys

Shirt Size: ____ YS (6-8) ____ YM (10-12) ____ YL (14-16) ____ AS (18-20) ____ AM (22-24) ____ AL (26-28) ____ AXL (30-32) ____ AXXL (34-36)

Pants Size: (for 9/10 Baseball and up only) Youth inseam from 13 to 21-3/4"; Adult inseam from 22-1/2" to 24-1/2"

____ YXS (20-22) ____ YS (24-26) ____ YM (27-29) ____ YL (30-32) ____ YXL (34-36) ____ AS (28-30) ____ AM (32-34) ____ AL (36-38)

____ AXL (40-42) ____ AXXL (44-46)

Short Size: (for 9/10 Softball and up only) Youth inseam from 3-1/2"; Adult inseam 5"

____ YS (20-22) ____ YM (22-24) ____ YL (24-26) ____ AS (26-28) ____ AM (28-30) ____ AL (30-33) ____ AXL (33-36) ____ AXXL (36-39)

The following statement must be completed by at least one parent / guardian:

We certify that all the information is correct and accurate. We hereby give our approval for our child's participation in any and all activities associated with the Gardner Parks and Recreation Youth Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball Program. We assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from activities; and do hereby agree to hold harmless sponsors, participants, and all persons associated with the Gardner Parks and Recreation directly or indirectly. Also, I/we authorize the Gardner Parks and Recreation to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participant while participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or the undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Upcoming Activities

Introduction to Tae Kwon Do

Session I-IV: *Completed*
Session V: March 28 to May 2
5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Senior Citizen's Building
For Ages 6 and older
\$50 (per session)
Registration Deadline: March 23

This 6-week class is a basic introduction to Tae-Kwon-Do which is the Korean martial art that promotes discipline, focus, self-control and physical fitness. Students will be introduced to self-defense techniques as well as kicks and punches. They will also learn traditional forms and customs.

Day of Week: Wednesday



Intermediate Tae Kwon Do

Session I-IV: *Completed*
Session V: March 28 to May 2
5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Senior Citizen's Building
For Ages 6 and older
\$55 (per session)
Registration Deadline: March 23

This 6-week class is designed for those who have already taken Introduction to Tae Kwon Do (regardless of when they took the class). It is also open to anyone who has prior experience in Martial Arts. Students in this class will have the opportunity to continue their study of Martial Arts and move up the ranks towards a Black Belt, which should be the ultimate goal for all students.

Day of Week: Wednesday



Friday Night Crops

March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1
6:00 p.m. to Midnight
Senior Citizen's Building
For ages 16 and older
\$5.00 per crop

Registration Deadline: The Thursday before the Crop

Pictures tell a thousand words and we all know that these days it's hard to find time to sit down and put together a nice, personalized scrapbook. Whether you are just getting started in scrapbooking, or you're already a scrapbooking expert, this group is for you! There will be plenty of room to spread out and work on your projects. Share and receive creative ideas with others, make some friends and see how much you can get done! Bring your dinner, snacks and drinks with you. From beginners to advanced, all skill levels are welcome.



Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 31st
Session I 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Session II 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Session III 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
For Ages 4-12
\$15.00: includes a goodie bag, bucket, 5x7 portrait, apron, decorating supplies and twelve eggs
Senior Citizen's Building
Registration Deadline: March 23

To volunteer for this event, please contact the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department at 856-0936.

At Easter time, the humble egg finally gets its moment in the spotlight. Pulled from the darkness of the fridge, it's no longer merely a fragile breakfast food: It's a blank canvas ready for a kid's artistic touch. So we at Gardner Parks and Recreation decided it was time to give the egg the attention it deserves, with an entire party devoted to egg decorating! This party is for children ages 4-12. 3 year olds may attend, but must be accompanied by an adult. Parents can drop off their child for the allotted hour while we show them how to turn ordinary eggs into works of Easter art. The kids will do much more than just dipping and dyeing! Each child will receive a dozen eggs, bucket, goodie bag, a 5x7 Easter Portrait and the chance to win awesome prizes!

The eggs are waiting, so get crackin'!

Maximum 15 participants per session. **Hurry and RSVP TODAY!**



Register Today!

at www.gardnerkansas.gov or by calling 856-0936.